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AIB responds to accusations of potential link to salmonella outbreak

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A CLOSER LOOK

By Tyler Sharp KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The American Institute of Baking, a Manhattan-based company, is a wellknown corporation in the food industry, specializing in food safety and research. However, a recent New York Times article disputes the company's effectiveness as a food auditor.

The March 6 article identified AIB and several other companies that offer food safety audits as sharing responsibility for recent food poisoning outbreaks. The conclusions drawn from audits of several companies "show that auditors failed to detect problems at plants whose contaminated products later sickened consumers," according to the Times article.

Four of the six members of AIB's senior management staff hold at least one degree from K-State.

AIB auditor Eugene Hatfield's visit to the Blakely, Ga., Peanut Corporation of America plant in early March 2008 received considerable attention in the Times story written by Andrew Martin and Michael Moss. Hatfield is identified as an expert on fresh produce and was unaware that peanuts were "readily susceptible" to salmonella, according to the Times arti-

A document available on the AIB Web site contends that Hatfield was misrepresented, and states that Hatfield received a bachelor's degree in cellular biology and a master's degree in applied biology. It also states that Hatfield had worked in a number of different areas of the food industry and had conducted approximately 200 audits of peanut facilities in his career.

The Times article noted that during Hatfield's one-day audit he was not required to test for the bacteria, which later caused an outbreak across the United States. Hatfield concluded that the plant food safety level of the facility was "superior" according to his March 27, 2008, audit, which was obtained by the Times.

Federal investigators later discovered the PCA had been shipping tainted peanuts for at least nine months. The company has since filed for Chapter 7 bankrupt-

THE INSPECTION AND ITS EFFECTS

The PCA knew when Hatfield would be inspecting the plant. Maureen Olewnik, vice president of audit and technical services for AIB, said the company offers both unannounced and announced inspections. She said the certificates the company receives clearly denote which inspection took place.

"We do record [the type of inspection] very clearly on the certificate they receive and the audit they got," she said. "There are pluses and minuses to each. It depends on what the customer is looking for in that inspector. We try to be transparent on which one it is so anyone will know."

Since the release of the Times article, AIB now requires a minimum of two days or longer to complete an inspection at a food processing facility. AIB has also announced it will change the name of its Good Manufacturing Practices inspection certificates from "Certificate of Achievement" to "Recognition of Achievement."

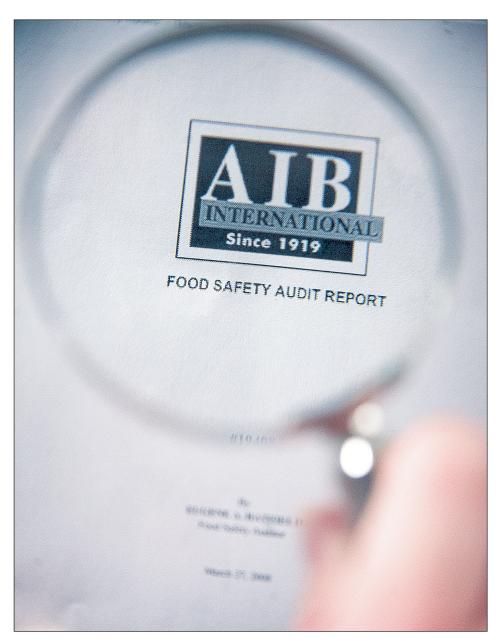




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Top: The American Institute of Baking was recently the subject of a New York Times article, "The Trouble with Food Safety Audits." Bottom: AIB's international headquarters are at 1213 Bakers Way in Manhattan, just off North Manhattan Avenue between Claflin Road and Kimball Avenue.

A document available on AIB's Web site notes that this was to "lower the possibility of our completed inspection process being misunderstood as an actual certifi-

THE RISE OF PRIVATE AUDITS

Private audits of food companies like the PCA have increased as government

See AIB Page 12

Former cohost of '106 & Park' to speak today

By Katherine Wartell KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Marie "Free" Wright, former cohost of Black Entertainment Television's music video countdown show "106 & Park," will speak at 7 tonight in Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union.

Wright is a recording artist and founder of the Free4Life Foundation, which is a program dedicated to encouraging literacy, financial education and the creative arts

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among young people in disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Wright was invited to K-State by the Diverse Mass Communicators, a campus

group created to promote diversity in the journalism department and student media. Jasmine Hammond. DMC public relations



chair and sophomore in pre-journalism and mass communications, said Wright was chosen because she is a powerful speaker who is capable of grabbing people's attention.

We've gotten a good response on our Facebook group," Hammond said about perspective attendance. "A lot of people watch '106 & Park,' so we think we'll get a big audience."

Free was the host of "106 & Park," BET's highest rated show, from 2000 to 2005. Tonight, she

will discuss issues for minority journalists and within the community, Hammond said.

A meet-and-greet with Wright is scheduled after the lecture.

Hammond said she hopes the lecture will educate students and make DMC more recognizable across campus.

"We really hope people come out and support not only Free, but the DMC as well," she said.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

CRIME

Rape reported **Friday**

By Jenene Heavey KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A rape was reported by a 14-year-old female in north-central Manhattan on Friday, according to a Riley County Police report. The suspect is a 24-year-old acquaintance of the victim.

MAN CHARGED WITH **VEHICLE BURGLARY**

A Manhattan man was arrested and charged with 12 felony counts of vehicle and non-dwelling burglary on Friday, according to the report.

RCPD Lt. Kurt Moldrup said Mark Rickenbaker, 20, of 531 Yuma St., Apt. B, was held on \$50,000 bond after a police investigation led to his

"We did a good job investigating," Moldrup said.

He said the evidence was primarily cash. Police think Rickenbaker is responsible for four Plaza West businesses robberies at Gillo's, Grizzly's, Golden Wok and the Department of Motor Vehicles office within the last week, Moldrup said.

2 MEN ARRESTED FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Two Manhattan men were arrested after a verbal altercation allegedly turned violent at 6010 Tuttle Terrace on Friday, according to the report.

Gordon Brundige, 40, of 358 N. 15th, allegedly struck Jonathan Allen, 48, at his residence with a baseball bat. Allen then allegedly hit Brundige with a metal jackhammer. Both men were charged

with aggravated assault.

VEHICLE, HOME BURGLARIES REPORTED

Three vehicles were burglarized at Chippewa Circle between April 6 and Friday. The items taken included \$5 in change, military tags, \$15 and a Savage bolt-action rifle with a scope. The total reported loss was \$560.

An unlocked vehicle parked at 911 Ratone St. was burglarized between Thursday and Friday. A metal toolbox with various tools and \$20 were taken.

A vehicle burglary occurred on Friday at 922 Bertrand St. Christopher Chaffin, 20, reported that a Pioneer stereo faceplate and Kicker Amp subwoofer, which were valued at \$610, were stolen.

According to the police report, Laura Garrison, 20; Rene Jonas, 21; and Randall Orwig, 53, of 1111 Bluemont Ave., reported \$10,580 worth of items stolen Saturday. Reported stolen items included an X-Box 360, Playstation 2, 45 DVDs, 16 Playstation games, a Dell flat screen monitor, a snakeskin suitcase, a 32-inch LCD HDTV, 38 men's watches, two laptops, a 20-gauge shotgun, two hunting bows and miscellaneous arrows and quivers. A second home burglary,

resulting in \$3,670 in losses, occurred Sunday at 1866 College Heights Road. Jonathan Garcia reported forced entry and the loss of his 32inch Emerson TV, Playstation 3 and four games. Richard Beyer, 21, reported the loss of two laptops and iPods.

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YOU SUCK BY NOLAN FABRICIUS AND JEFF BROWN



THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

Workplace Nightmares will be today at 4 p.m. in K-State Student Union Room 212. It is sponsored by Career and Employment Services.

Recreational Services is seeking students for the position of Challenge Course Facilitator for employment this summer and beyond. Starting pay is \$10 per hour. Apply in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex.

Walk-in Wednesdays will be Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m. in Holtz Hall. It is sponsored by Career and Employment Services.

Mike Lyon, 2009 Friends of the Beach Museum of Art gift print artist, will be at the Beach Museum of Art at 4:30 p.m. Thursday. He is interested in pattern and perception. Lyon applies computer programming and industrial equipment to traditional painting, drawing and printmaking methods, attempting to go directly from mind to art object.

Intramural entries for Home Run Derby and disc golf will be accepted today through Thursday in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. The Home Run Derby takes place Saturday, while the disc golf event will be at Tuttle Creek State Park on April 25. For more information, call 785-532-6980 or go to www.recservices.k-state.edu.

The Sexual Health Awareness Peer Educators course EDCEP 311 has received University General Education designation. Earn three credit hours, gain leadership experience, improve your public speaking skills and inform your peers about being safer. Complete/print off an application at www.k-state.edu/ lafene/SHAPE. Submit your application to Lafene Room 268, or attach it to an e-mail and send it to shape@ksu.edu before Friday.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Wansoo Kim at 3:30 p.m. April 22 in Justin 150. The thesis topic is "Customer Share of Visits to Full-Service Restaurants in Response to Perceived Value and Contingency

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Laurie Cleavinger at 11:30 a.m. April 23 in Bluemont 257. The thesis topic is "The Effects of Professional Development on Instructional Strategies and the Resulting Influences on Student Learning for a Physics Curriculum."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Camille Lafleur at 2:30 p.m. April 23 in Campus Creek Complex Room 214. The thesis topic is "Mothers' Reactions to Disclosures of Sibling Sexual Abuse."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the

doctoral dissertation of Alexey Ferapontov at 1:30 p.m. April 24 in Cardwell 119. The thesis topic is "Measurements and Searches for New Physics in Diboson Processes with the DO Detector."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Dmytro Shklyarov at 12:30 p.m. April 24 in Cardwell 131. The thesis topic is "Hirzebruch-Riemann-Roch Theorem for DG Algebras."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Jah-Ra'El Burrell at 11 a.m. April 24 in Justin 254. The thesis topic is "Hegemonic Influences Among Racial and Ethnic Families in America."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Neelam Khan at 10:30 a.m. April 28 in Cardwell 119. The thesis topic is "Optical, Structural and Transport Properties of In Alloys Grown by Metalorganic Chemical Vapor Deposition."

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Ann Conrad at news@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints, but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity.

WORD OF THE WEEK ...



susurrus \su-SURH-uhs\, noun

definition: a whispering or rustling sound; a murmur

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"Still, the breeze is soothing, as is the susurrus of the branches." -writer Michael Finkel, "Tree Surfing and Other Lofty Pleasures" printed in The Atlantic magazine, March 1998

"He heard the susurrus of curtains luffed by the breeze."

-author Erik Larson in his book "Isaac's Storm'

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Budget cuts to result in fewer professors, larger classes

K-State's future budget cuts will affect students, faculty and staff members. Everyone needs to be aware of exactly what is going on, because the university's problems will only get worse if we do not work together to find a way to help.

An e-mail sent to the K-State faculty and staff from Provost Duane Nellis on March 31 revealed the university is receiving a 7- to 13-percent reduction in State General Funds, which can amount to more than \$12.9 mil-

K-State will also have to pay more for utilities and fringe benefits - to name a few increases - resulting in \$9.6 million more in General Use costs. This means starting in fiscal year 2010, K-State must come up with \$22.5 million just to keep the campus running as it is now.

For those who are wondering about money the university – as a land-grant institution – is supposed to get from President Barack Obama's stimulus plan, the Kansas Legislature has restricted its use for deferred maintenance only. In other words, stimulus funds cannot be used to pay for everyday costs like utilities, only used for predetermined repairs.

Unfortunately, this is nothing new. K-State has seen budget cuts for the last 10 years and has compensated by raising tuition and reducing staff numbers.

According to an e-mail from the Provost's Office, the university has more than 200 vacant positions which cannot be filled because of money constraints.

"Many face an increased workload, and some things are not being done as well," according to the e-mail. "We expect to teach fewer class sections during the coming academic year. There will be larger class sizes and heavier faculty teaching loads."

These effects are just the beginning of problems to come for K-State faculty and staff. According to the email, the lack of available teachers and professors might make it more difficult for some students to graduate within their planned goal times. But some departments argue that these problems already exist.

The English department already has reduced its staff by about 50 percent, said Elizabeth Dodd, professor of English. The most recent staff members to leave were two associate professors, Susan Rogers and Imad Rahman.

Dodd said they resigned during summer 2008 because of job positions offered elsewhere. A new associate professor, Katherine Karlin, has been hired to fill their shoes but will not arrive until the fall semester.

Dodd said Rogers has offered to work with graduate students on their final projects long distance for the remainder of this year so they will be able graduate on time, though she no longer works for K-State.

"It would have been very difficult for us to make other arrangements for them," Dodd said

The engineering department arguably has been the most negatively affected by budget cuts during the last 10

Professor David Fritchen, professor and head of the Department of Architectural Engineering and Construction Science, said an acceptable student-to-faculty ratio should be 20 or 30 to 1. At its last accreditation visit, Fritchen said the department was cited as having a ratio of 49 to 1 – the highest in the nation.

In the graduate school of engineering, the staff does not have teaching assistants, which forces staff to be advisers for 45-60 students each, teach three to five classes per semester and grade all their own papers, he said.

Graduate students need one-on-one help to continue their education, but with so few slots available, many have left the university.

"It is very painful ... to see our top graduate students go to the University of Texas because they can't continue graduate work at K-State," Fritchen said.

To help with K-State's \$22.5 million woes, members of the Provost's Office plan to discuss a 4-percent tuition increase, but this would only bring K-State an additional \$5.5 million, which is not nearly enough to cover expens-

Nellis stated in his e-mail that he and his team are "continuing to consider suggestions received from the campus community," but only time and hard work will tell what the financially unstable future of the university

-News analysis by Karen Ingram

City Commission to review proposals for new City Pool

By Brandon Steinert KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan City Commission is scheduled to review designs for a new pool to be constructed in City Park by 2010 at its work session tonight. The original pool closed in June last year because of structural

The project will be funded through a 0.10 percent sales tax increase, which was approved by Manhattan voters in the April 7

Two competition-pool sizes have been proposed – 50 meters by 25 meters, and 25 meters by 25 meters.

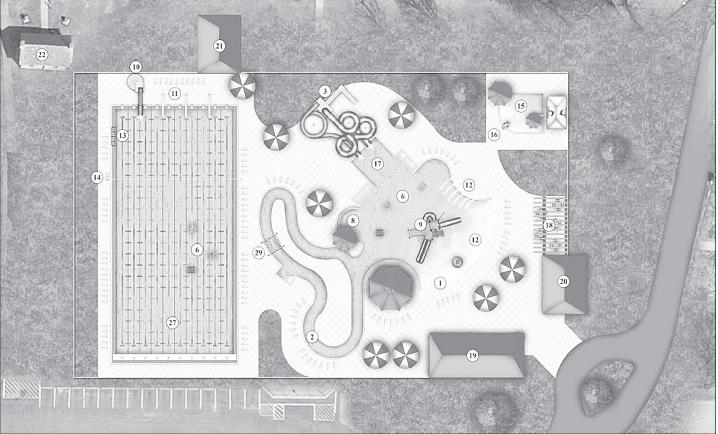
The larger pool, according to the agenda, would be beneficial to the Manhattan Marlins swim team, but would cost \$900,000 more to construct and \$32,291 more to operate every year.

A simple pool is not the only item proposed in the new designs. Aquatic-park style amenities might also be included, including a Flowrider Wave Surfer, which simulates a surfing experience. The addition of the surfing simulator has been a contributor to other cities' incomes in the past.

One small town's pool went from losing \$139,000 to making an average of \$84,000 a year in revenue, according to the agenda.

Commissioners also plan to review the addition of other aquatic-park features like a lazy river and water slides.

The work session will be broadcast live on local cable channel 3 at 5 p.m.



This illustration depicts one of several proposed designs for the new city pool, which will be paid for with a 0.10-percent sales tax increase. The city commission will discuss the amenities at the proposed pool, which could include lap areas, a lazy river, water slides and a FlowRider wave simulator.

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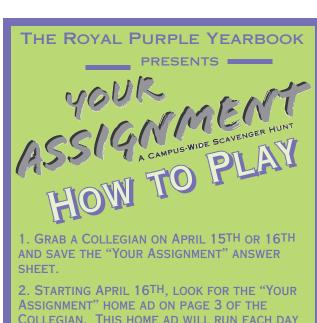


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Not on the same page



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E.D. drug advertisements epitome of reproductive hypocrisy



(Cue that familiar Enzyte commericial scenario.)

"This is Bob. It looks like Bob is here to spread around a little joy. But there seems to be a lot of rumors going around about this chubby Santa, because not long ago, Santa decided he needed a little more room in his sled, so he made a call to Enzyte about natural male enhancement. And after a few short weeks, what

"Why, not only a sleigh full of confidence and a sack full of pride - it looks like Bob got the one thing every lady likes – the joy of a gift that keeps on giving. Yes, with things heating up on the old North Pole, it looks like there's no mistaking this Santa for an elf anymore." In other words, Bob is here to spread

his semen around because he has been taking Enzyte for a few weeks and has a raging, hard erection and full testicles, which is great, because that is the neverending Christmas present every woman

wants. And because Bob is taking Enzyte, no one will assume he has a small penis

If that doesn't offend you, you have a tough stomach. Every time an Enzyte commercial comes on, I'm reminded of the sexual double standard in America. But it's not the untruthful advertising that bothers me (Enzyte doesn't work), it's the audaciousness of the whole erectiledysfunction movement that "Smilin' Bob" epitomizes. The fact that hundreds of millions of dollars are spent to wag the personal problems of males in my face while women can't even get affordable birth control illustrates an unhealthy attitude toward sexuality in America.

Insurance [companies] will cover male enhancement supplements but don't have to also cover birth control," said Erin Doughty, junior in political science and president of Students for Choice. "Many insurance companies won't cover birth control, because they say it's not medically necessary, but women use it not only to prevent pregnancy but also painful conditions like endometriosis and polycystic ovarian syndrome. There aren't contraception equity laws in Kansas that require insurance companies that cover the cost of male enhancement drugs to also cover the cost of birth control."

For women who can get pregnant, Smilin' Bob represents an erect penis in a condom full of health-insurance loopholes that avoid protecting female reproductive rights. He might not be barring women from legal reproductive equality, but he is a reminder that while abstinence is the answer for women who can't afford children, there are a lot of willing and newly able men who don't have to worry about the consequences of getting pregnant. And realistically, with more hard penises to say no to, how are women supposed to focus on the underlying

I didn't know erectile dysfunction was such a problem for American men, but I'm happy for those who seek help to correct their handicaps instead of living in shame like Smilin' Bob did before he lied to the neighborhood about the effectiveness of vitamins on his blood flow. But until women have equal access to such lauded reproductive measures, I don't want to see Bob smiling and whistling at me anymore.

K-State students can complain about the lack of contraception equity laws in Kansas by writing letters to drug companies that manufacture male enhancement

drugs and to legislators, Doughty said. "Tell the companies that their ads are ridiculous and pressure legislators that, while multimillion-dollar sales costs are being covered, birth control should be as well," she said. And I agree.

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THE FOURUM

The Campus Fourum is the Collegian's anonymous call-in system. The Fourum is edited to eliminate vulgar, racist, obscene and libelous comments. The comments are not the opinion of the Collegian nor are they endorsed by the editorial staff.

Is there anybody out there that would be willing to give me a ride to the New Found Glory show in Lawrence in May? Ticket is already purchased.

I just saw the KU sign on the highway, and somebody needs to get some purple paint on it real soon.

To the ADPi driving on 70 eastbound in a Jeep Cherokee: You're hot.

So we're bumping into venomous spiders and snakes that strike at us. and the only thing that cuts me and makes me bleed is a lid. What the eff?

Dear Fourum, I was just walking north of Waters Hall and rolled my ankle on one of Dalton Henry and Wayne Stoskopf's lovely potholes in our sidewalk. Change? Real People, Real Action? I think not. Fix the holes in the sidewalks. Hire some students. Have a good day.

I know somebody on Goodnow third floor who's really mad at me. And Buckles just broke a pool cue.

Someone just asked me if someone actually picks up the phone when you call in the Fourum. So now I'm showing them. Woo, Fourum.

I know someone on Goodnow third floor who wants to fight someone on Marlatt sixth floor.

What's up with all the banana

To the 6-foot, 6-inch guy who lives on Putnam Hall, second floor: You're totally hot and we should definitely

If you're in a band, then you're probably a GDI.

If you don't know what GDI stands for, you're probably a GDI.

Dear frat-bag tools, yes, I'm a GDI, and it rocks.

To everyone who has heard the Stride gum wrappers are edible: We called them, and they're not edible. But they are nontoxic, so if you feel the need to eat the wrapper, go ahead.

If you think that the frat boy jokes are funny, you might be a frat boy.

Apparently if I don't forward this arbitrary e-mail to 300 people in the next 43 seconds, my Hotmail account will be shut down.

Oh, snap.

Look at me. I'm in class, on time, with my homework done.

GDI 17, frat boys 4.

If you're too stupid to control your speed and talk on your cell phone at the same time, do us all a favor and use cruise control.



Obama must choose wisely on Africa policy



ADAM

Even if we were to disregard all the cynical barbs about oil thirst and manifest destiny, the United States' ongoing struggle to stabilize the Middle East has yielded some troubling consequences.

We have spent a great deal of diplomatic capital over the past few years in assembling all our various "coalitions of the willing," and even leaving aside the important role humanitarian aid should play in our policy, if a real threat ia, Pakistan), we might be left high and dry. Where exactly does this leave President Barack Obama? Hopefully learning from the

were to suddenly emerge (e.g., Russia, North Korea, Iraq, Syrgeopolitical mistakes his predecessors made in Africa.

The year was 1994, a lifetime ago in African politics. Civil unrest was rampant, social collapse was imminent, and after having given the nasty idea some deliberation and tests in the international press, the U.S. and other United Nations members withdrew their peacekeepers as quietly as they could and watched as the region imploded entirely.

Γhe lives of at least half a million Tutsi probably could have been saved, former President Bill Clinton himself admitted later, if he'd sent even a few thousand of the requested troops. The withdrawal from Rwanda was the darkest hour of his presidency, he said, and like many, many others, I won't disagree. We shouldn't forget, though, that he simply turned around and twice repeated himself, first with Bosnia and then with Kosovo.

And, of course, we mustn't forget about Somalia, the war-torn coastal nation two countries to the east of Rwanda; its infrastructure has been irreparably destroyed by

a civil war that promises never to end. Its culture is under the hideous spell of Sharia law, and its international significance these days consists mostly of chatter among pundits about its ongoing problem with piracy. "Black Hawk Down" came out not 10 years ago, and already, we have forgotten everything we might have learned about human solidarity.

Actually, that's not true - we never learned anything about it in the first place, and the only reason anyone saw the movie is because it gave us a romanticized impression of ourselves – never mind the collapsing scenery of Mogadishu. A century from now, the cities of Somalia will still be getting riddled with mortars, and we will still be watching that movie, clapping as the credits roll.

This is not to excuse former President George W. Bush; whatever he might have been fighting for in Iraq, it seems inexcusable that he didn't notice Darfur, the region of western Sudan in which the government has essentially decided to orchestrate genocide as a matter of public policy. Not that

the rest of the world bothered to do anything, either. Never before has so much shouting and hollering about injustice from so many disparate sources led to so little. Yet again, while the U.N. member states quibble about jurisdiction and responsibility, another country rots in the heart of darkness.

So say whatever you wish about our incursions into Iraq and Afghanistan; it's too easy these days to take shots at Clinton and Bush, but we must ask, what kind of legacy have they left their successor? And more importantly, what will the Obama Doctrine be? What can our new president learn from Africa?

It is clearly true that borrowing neoconservatism from Bush will land him in a quagmire, but if he just squirms, spins around and adopts the stupid isolationism of Pat Buchanan, it won't be merely cowardice, but protocol. Please choose wisely, Mr. President.

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HURD

Welcome back for the fourth installment of "Let's Get Physical." Today, we will focus on the muscles of your hips and thighs. With toned glutes, quadriceps and hamstrings, you'll be ready to break out those shorts once spring finally decides to arrive.

No weights are needed for these exercises, but if you'd like to add some resistance, you can find 4-pound ankle weights for around \$14 at Target.



slightly wider than shoulder width apart. Turn your toes out to a 45-degree angle. Slowly lower yourself into a squat until your knees are at 90-degree angles. Return to the starting position. It is important to make sure your knees stay above your ankles and that they do not go past your toes when doing this exercise. Putting too much stress on your knees could result in injury. Do three to five sets of 12 squats. If you would like a more advanced version of this exercise, try doing one set normally, one with your right heel raised, one with your left heel raised, and one with both heels raised. This will help work on your balance while giving your quadriceps a great workout.



For this exercise, begin on your hands and knees with your hands directly beneath your shoulders and your knees directly beneath your hips. Kick your right leg back so your thigh is parallel to the floor, and bend your knee to a 90-degree angle. The sole of your foot should be pointed straight toward the ceiling. Press your leg up like you are trying to kick the ceiling. You should feel this exercise in your gluteus muscles. Do three sets of 12 on each leg. Photo illustrations by Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN



Begin by lying on your back with your knees bent and your feet flat on the floor, like you are preparing to do some crunches. Keep your shoulders on the ground, and press your hips up so your thighs and torso are in a straight line. Make sure to remember to breathe and to engage your gluteus muscles as well as your abs, hamstrings and quads. Hold this for a count of eight, and relax back into the starting position. Repeat five times.

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CELEBRITY NEWS

Gibsons to divorce; Miley, Nick briefly reunite

GIBSON FILES FOR DIVORCE

Mel Gibson's wife of 28 years, Robyn Gibson, filed for divorce from the Oscar-winning director-actor Thursday, citing the ever-popular "irreconcilable differences."

"Throughout our marriage and separation, we have always strived to maintain the privacy and integrity of our family and will continue to do so," the estranged couple said in a joint statement issued through their publicist, Alan Nierob.

While the divorce petition doesn't specify when the duo separated, listing the date as "to be determined," the Gibsons have reportedly been living apart for some time.

They married in June 1980 and have seven children together, though only one - son Tom, who turns 10 tomorrow – is a minor. Robyn is seeking joint physi-

cal and legal custody of the boy, as well as spousal support.

According to the divorce filing, signed by Robyn on Thursday and filed this morning in Los Angeles Superior Court, she is also seeking "miscellaneous jewelry" and some of the couple's property

Gibson's net worth has been estimated at upward of \$900 mil-

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MILEY, NICK REUNITE

It was a busy weekend for box-office queen Miley Cyrus but somehow, she also managed to squeeze in a personal triumph: getting photographed with Nick

Miley and her ex-Prince Charming reunited this weekend for some lunch at the Village Idiot where she twittered their talk

Then after lunch, Nick went to give his lady friend a ride home in his vintage Mustang, but there were paparazzi around, which is why there is video of Nick running into some trouble on a nar-

The young Jonas Brother scraped by a parked car, leaving behind some minor damage as he escaped and continued on his

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A PIRATE'S LIFE FOR TV

Timing is everything. Just one day after Capt. Richard Phillips' dramatic rescue at sea from Somali pirates comes word that Spike TV has closed a deal with the U.S. Navy to chronicle piratehunting special forces in a new reality show, "Pirate Hunters:

Producers have been in talks with the Navy for months, but the deal was only finalized last week, just as the five-day standoff between a warship and scalawagpiloted lifeboat was playing out off the Horn of Africa.

'Pirate Hunters" promises an "up-close and behind-the-scenes" look at the buccaneer-combating Navy operations on two warships, the USS San Antonio and USS Boxer - the same assault ship Phillips was taken to immediately after his rescue.

The show will be set in the Gulf of Aden in the open waters off the coast of Djibouti, bordering Somalia and Ethiopia.

No air date has yet been set. Meanwhile, with Phillips replacing Chelsey "Sully" Sullenberger as the national hero of the moment, several talk shows are scrambling to land his first television interview once he gets back to the U.S.

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LIFE OF AN AWKWARD GRAD STUDENT

A visit to Grandma, the past



ADAM REICHENBERGER

"Betty, baby, how's it going?" "Don't 'Betty, baby' me." My grandmother Betty is a mother of 11. These 11 had no reservations about providing her hundreds of grandchildren. Maybe not hundreds, but enough that I don't know a lot of their names.

Among these hundreds, it's a well-known fact that I'm her favorite.

"Oh, come on, girl; did I mention you look fabulous today? You look fabulous, Betty, fabulous."

"Cut that out." She's a pretty straightforward woman. No bull. "Where the hell have you been?"

I hadn't really been around in a while ... not since October. Now that's only, what, six months? It wouldn't have been a problem if we were in the middle of September, and I hadn't been seen since March. But since it's April, six months means I missed out on Thanksgiving and

"Where the hell have you been?" I replied in kind.

"Christmas?" she asked without

looking up. "Work."

"On Christmas?!" "Maybe."

She shook her head and beckoned me for a hug. I knew she wasn't too upset because of the cinnamon rolls she left out for me that morning. She was in the hospital all the night before and still managed a pan of rolls. She knows they're my favorite. I love her.

Moments later, she headed across the pasture, past all the horses and down to the farm. A cousin of mine was having a bridal shower out there, and Grandma was late.

I ran to town to pick up her prescription pills and some Silly Putty with my sister's boyfriend. When we got back to the house we found my brother-in-law, Joe, wandering around, trying to find a way in. We were the only ones left at the house.

Now I've got two things running through my mind at this point. First, while I hadn't necessarily fallen off that top rung of favoritism, I was definitely sagging a bit low and needed to do something to secure my position as favorite.

Second, growing up, I, like most kids, I'm sure, idolized Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn and would have done anything to be them. Decades later, I finally found my chance.

'So boys, what are we up to?" I

They didn't have a clue. Joe had been there a few times and knew the terrain all right, but Charlie was just learning and doing his best to charm the extended family.

What say you we do a little yard work?" I start. "Grandma would love it. Just love it."

They agree. Perfect. "We could get that yard mowed and those weeds in the garden pulled, huh?" I continued. "Betty'll be thrilled." I did my best Tom Sawyer impersonation, which can't be good since the only voice of him I know belongs to one Jonathan Taylor Thomas. Old JTT. How old is he now - 12? What's that kid up to?

Well, the next thing I knew, I had my feet kicked up, drinking a beer, while these two suckers whitewashed the fence.

Later that night, Betty and I were tossing laughs back and forth, and we discussed my travels.

"Wanna come with me next time?" I asked truthfully. "Ha," she actually said that.

"With you? No." Then she smiled.

I was still on top.

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Outlook for MLB races promising



BRAD DORNES

Before every sport begins, almost every team has aspirations of championships and successful seasons.

And more often than not, these dreams are dashed within the first couple weeks of the season.

Major League Baseball's season will drag on through the summer, with most teams not gaining or losing ground until after the All-Star break in July.

So now that the first full week of the season is over, here is what I've learned about the teams in each division and what I believe will be the outcomes for each one.

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST

Toronto leads the division with the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees in last and second to last place. But the Blue Jays won't hold on to first place for long as the three best teams in the American League are in this division.

are in this division.

Look for Boston and Tampa
Bay to rebound and battle with
the Yankees all year for the
division title. Either Boston or
Tampa Bay should win the division. Though the Yankees spent
almost half a billion dollars in
the offseason, if they want to
win the division they will need
to get some help in the bullpen
because they have already
blown a couple of games in
which they had a lead late in
the game.

AMERICAN LEAGUE CENTRAL

This is the most wide open division in all of baseball. The Kansas City Royals and the Chicago White Sox should battle for first and second place all season because they both have the strongest starters in

the division.

Don't be surprised if Minnesota, Detroit or Cleveland come out on top, but as long as the Royals can maintain strong starting pitching, I would give them the advantage because they might have the best closer with Joakim Soria.

The Central should go down to the last week of the season.

AMERICAN LEAGUE WEST

Oakland and the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim should fight for the title, but don't be surprised if the Angels run away with the division.

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

Florida, Atlanta, Philadelphia and the New York Mets could all win this division. I don't think the Mets have enough starting pitching, and Florida doesn't have enough offense to beat out Atlanta or defending champ Philadelphia.

As much as I hate to say it, the Phillies should win the division because their team is the most complete on offense and with pitching.

NATIONAL LEAGUE CENTRAL

St. Louis might be the surprise team this year if their starting pitching holds up. As of now I still don't see them beating the Chicago Cubs, since the Cubs have the best offense in the majors and really strong pitching.

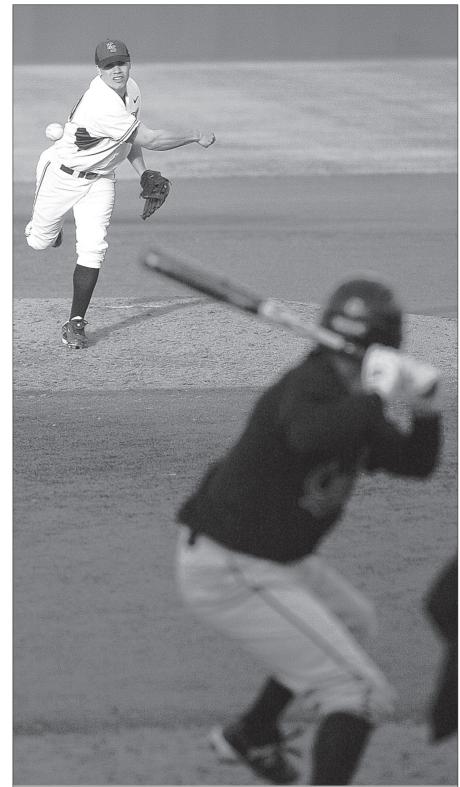
NATIONAL LEAGUE WEST

This is the worst division in all of baseball and the Los Angeles Dodgers should run away with the title. I would expect them to have a double-digit lead by the time the All-Star break comes around.

Even though the season has just begun, if the first week is any predictor of how the season will go, MLB fans are in for a wild ride. But barring any blockbuster trades, I stand by my picks.

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On the rise



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Junior Wildcat ace **A.J. Morris** throws a fireball straight down the middle during a game against Creighton on March 3. Morris has a nation-leading 1.19 ERA and was named a midseason All-American by Baseball America.

K-State looks to continue success against Shockers

By Blake ThorsonKANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State baseball team has already reached historic heights on numerous occasions this season and now it can hang the highest national ranking in school history on its mantle of accomplishments.

Baseball America voted the Cats No. 21 in its most recent poll after the Wildcats took two of three from preseason-No. 1 Texas A&M at Tointon Family Stadium this weekend.

The Cats will look to continue their success with a midweek two-game series against instate rival Wichita State that is scheduled to begin today at Tointon Family Stadium. The second game will be played Wednesday in Wichita at Eck Stadium.

Wichita State (20-13), a perennial college-baseball power-house, has had another solid season, including a series win over the No. 11 Pepperdine Wave. The Shockers come in winning seven of their last ten and will give the Cats (26-9, 7-5 Big 12 Conference) all they can handle.

It has been a magical run thus far for the Wildcats as they have had one of the best seasons in school history and have a chance to eclipse many more records by the end of the season, including overall and conference wins.

The Cats have taken on skipper Brad Hill's approach to the game and work ethic to take the ball club to a new level when many felt they didn't have the talent or depth to compete in the Big 12.

This attitude is exemplified by junior ace A.J. Morris.

"We expected, as a team, to be good and this is just a real cohesive team that is special and works well together," he said. "Where we are is what we expected and if we weren't, we would be disappointed."

Morris has done a nice job of lifting the Cats as he was recently named to Baseball America's midseason All-American squad.

Morris has been nearly unhittable all season. His devastating fastball-slider repertoire has helped him boast the nation's best ERA (1.19) among starters with at least 25 innings. He also carries a perfect 9-0 record in nine starts, which ties

him for first in school history in wins in a season. Morris also ranks in the top five in nearly every pitching category in the

Senior starter Lance Hoge has provided the Cats with a sound second hurler to send to the hill. Hoge is not as electric as Morris but uses his pitches effectively and lets his defense do the work. He has maintained sub-4.00 ERA nearly all season and has a 4-2 record in eight starts this season.

Sophomore reliever Thomas Rooke has also come on strong, being the rock in the bullpen the Cats envisioned him as at the beginning of the year. Rooke has pitched in numerous relief roles this year, and whether it be as a long reliever or a late-inning stopper, he has thrived. The left-hander has compiled a sub-3.00 ERA and 4-0 record in 17 appearances.

Throughout the Wildcat lineup this season, a solid approach and good at-bats have been evident all year. This is why the Cats rank second in the league in team batting average and third in runs despite not having a batter ranked in the top-10 in home runs.

Junior first baseman Justin Bloxom has been solid, starting all 35 games and leading the team in batting average (.381), hits (51), home runs (6) and slugging percentage (.612).

Meanwhile, across the diamond at the hot corner sophomore third baseman Jason King has been a clutch-hit machine, driving in 40 runs to lead the team. He also ranks tied for first in the Big 12 in doubles with 13.

Sophomore second baseman Carter Jurica and senior shortstop Drew Biery have once again anchored the middle infield and fit perfectly into Hill's hit-and-run, sacrifice-oriented offensive approach that includes taking a lot of pitches and being efficient at the plate, on the base paths, and in the field.

K-State is scheduled to start freshman Kayvon Bahramzadeh (2-1) today and junior Ryan Daniel (1-1) Wednesday in Wichita. Wichita State is set to counter with Cameron Maldonado (1-0) and Brian Flynn (1-2).

First pitch for this evening is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Tointon Family Stadium and a tailgate party is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in the Bramlage Coliseum Parking Lot behind the left-field wall, weather permitting. The game can be seen on channel 22 on Cox Cable.

SPORTS NEWS

EXPECTATIONS HIGH FOR CATS IN 2009-10

The 2008-09 men's basketball season is barely finished, and early rankings for 2009-10 have already placed high expectations for K-State next season.

The Wildcats, who return four starters and 10 lettermen from 2008-09, received rankings in both The Sporting News (23rd) and Rivals.com (24th) early 2009-10 Top 25 polls, while the squad was one of "Ten More to Watch" by CBSSports.com. The team posted both its third consecutive 20-win season and postseason appearance in 2008-09. K-State advanced to the second round of the NIT, where they lost to top-seeded San Diego State, to conclude the year with a 22-12 overall record and a 9-7 mark in Big 12 play.

In all, K-State was one of four Big 12 Conference teams ranked by The Sporting News, along with Kansas (second), Texas (eighth) and Oklahoma (21st), while the Wildcats were one of three in the *Rivals.com* poll, along with Kansas (first) and Texas (ninth).

—K-State Sports Information

KALAS, LONGTIME PHILLIES VOICE, DIES

Radio and TV broadcaster Harry Kalas, whose baritone delivery and signature "Outta here!" home

run calls provided the soundtrack to Philadelphia baseball for nearly four decades, died Monday after collapsing in the broadcast booth before the



Phillies' game against the Washington Nationals. He was 73.

"We lost our voice today," Phillies president David Montgomery said. "He has loved our game and made just a tremendous contribution to our sport and certainly to our organization."

Familiar to millions of sports fans outside Philadelphia for his voiceover work with NFL Films, "Harry the K" was beloved at home. Since 1971, he was the man who was the bearer of news – good and bad – to those who followed the losingest franchise in major professional sports.

—ESPN.com

GATORADE REPLAY PITS FIERCE RIVALS AGAIN

Local supermarkets in the Easton (Pa.) and Phillipsburg (N.J.) area better stock up on turkey next

week – Thanksgiving is coming twice this year.

Gatorade is bringing a special edition of the



annual "Battle of the Hill" rivalry football game between Easton High and Phillipsburg High – traditionally played Thanksgiving morning – to Lafayette College's Fisher Stadium, as members of the 1993 teams suit up April 26 to replay a game that ended in a tie. The date and location are tentative.

The event, called the Gatorade REPLAY, is part of a documentary showcasing one of the greatest high school rivalries in the nation. These two blue-collar towns, separated only by the Delaware River, have faced off almost annually for 102 years.

—Yahoo.com

STYLE GUIDE

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STREET TALK

"What do you make part of your everyday style?"

ALEXIS WHEELER, FRESHMAN IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

A. "A staple in every wardrobe is a prominent necklace."



QUANTRELL WILLIS, GRADUATE STUDENT IN STUDENT AFFAIRS

A. "I just keep it simple, simply because that way I can mix and match."



REX ROBICHAUX, GRADUATE STUDENT IN GEOGRAPHY

A. "Wear what is comfortable to you."



JESSICA ICE, SENIOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY

A. "I accessorize."



JESSICA SIMS GOUSSÉ, SOPHOMORE IN BIOLOGY AND PRE-LAW

A. "Please – no Ugg boots with sweatpants."



KIRK UMBEHR, SOPHOMORE IN HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

A. "I'm trying to bring back the V-neck in every way possible. I think older styles are going to become more popular."



NICOLE WOLFE, SOPHOMORE IN SOCIOLOGY

A. "I pick stuff out the night before that I think will look good together."



—Compiled by Tim Schrag

Fashion on a budget can be feasible with accessories, basics



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIA

Left: Pairing an inexpensive pencil skirt with a tailored, cuffed white shirt adds a bit of glamour to an outfit for a night out; \$50. Center: Drop-waist shirts are very popular right now, and when a high-quality handbag is added, the look is clean and classic; \$100. Right: Investing in a good pair of jeans will take you a long way. Pair with a cute blouse and minimal jewelry to achieve a put-together look; \$150.

Many college students would agree that school can drain your bank account, whether you want it to or not. However, being on a budget is no excuse not to be stylish.

Those who have a budget of \$50 a month to spend on clothes, for example, might be limited, but combine any additions to your wardrobe with the favorites already in your closet, and you will have a good mix.

Target has great basics, so choose a simple dress like the Mossimo Long and Lean dress, which comes in four colors and is only \$10. Accessorize with a bright bag and a fun multi-strand beaded necklace. Throw on your favorite cardigan and sandals, and you have the perfect weekend outfit. If you are looking for something to go out in, go for a casual pencil skirt from American Eagle for only \$14.95 on sale, which comes in a handful of colors. Pair that with a cuffed T-shirt from the Gap, along with the same multi-strand necklace and your favorite high heels.

When you are on a budget, you have to sacrifice some trendiness, which is why we have accessories. How-

ever, choose your accessories wisely. You want something that you can wear multiple times to different places and use to achieve different looks.

Do not go for something too trendy that you will hate in a few months, as you will more than likely be wasting your money.

Sometimes the most unexpected stores can have the best deals. For example, Hot Topic has a pair of hot pink peep toe flats with a black bow for \$22.99. Pair those, a simple drop waist tank top from Target for \$16.99 and match with a cute jacket and jewelry.

Explore Manhattan's boutiques to find local style at a good price. Zotcis offers a wide selection of unique handbags at a reasonable price. A fashionable and high-quality handbag can cost you \$50. If you had \$100 a month for clothes, after purchasing the handbag, the tank top and the flats, you would still have money left over.

If you have \$150 a month for clothes, go out and find yourself a new pair of jeans. Sometimes a good pair can

consume your entire budget, but realize that you will have those jeans for a few years. However, if you do not want to spend that much, Zotcis has nice jeans for about \$55. Combine those with a cute blouse and sandals and you

have a great causal outfit.

If you have a larger budget, focus more on quality because you can afford to be selective. Avoid trendy graphics and slogans when buying clothes.

Check yourself and think ahead five years, and ask if this is something you can see yourself wearing then. If you cannot, do not buy it.

When shopping on a budget, buy the basics or keep trends simple. However, do not sacrifice your personal style to stay within a budget. Keeping current does not need to have a huge price tag.

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STYLE GUIDE

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College men should strive for more classic, 'mature' everyday style



RICO VAN BUSKIRK

As the summer dresses come out, many men realize there is some work to do in the gym to prepare for the imminent arrival of pool season. The arrival of provocative female summer wear should prompt a renewed interest in our wardrobe as well.

This spring, students who normally try to get away with dressing like they're still in middle school should consider more mature clothing options. Many of you might argue that comfort is the ultimate deciding factor in wardrobe selection, but ignorance of style is a gross oversight. Style does not have to be uncomfortable; whether

you're in class or perusing the bars, dressing well will only serve to help you impress women without saying a word

My recommendations represent an interest in classic style, rather than unaffordable, eyeshadow-necessary runway looks or the drivel found in Hollister. If you have an affinity for cargo shorts and T-shirts, you might consider these options to liven up your wardrobe this spring. I'm not suggesting you spend all of your beer money on these looks. Just consider a couple options to class up the look for your next Friday night out. It is better to be overdressed than underdressed.

Simplicity is perhaps the most important thing to remember when outfitting yourself. Find clothing that fits well, and don't be afraid of the tailor. Avoid overaccessorizing. A watch, maybe a ring, a belt or glasses, if required, are all you

need.

To start, an assortment of polos and button-down shirts is not an unreasonable investment for most students. Select a couple of solid and striped shirts. Multiple

colors are ideal to vary your look. Bolder colors work well on people of lighter complexion. Lighter, more pastel colors work well on those with darker complexions. Explore a full range of options.

If you desire a more professional look, purchase a couple ties while you shop. This will allow you to sift through the plethora of ties available to find a couple that work well with your shirt.

Pairing a pressed shirt with a premium pair of khaki, navy blue or white shorts provides an unarguably stylish look. Pants in the same shades are also excellent alternatives to jeans. Your belt should match the color of your shoes, but exceptions do exist, such as when you wear a striped belt.

A pair of deck shoes is a musthave for any man's casual summer footwear arsenal. There is exceptional versatility provided by boat shoes because you can wear them with almost anything. Leather sandals allow your feet to stay fresh in hot and humid summer weather.

For those cooler evenings and air-conditioned lecture halls, sweaters provide a fail-safe way to add a splash of color and variety to

A sports coat can provide an extra dash of class, appropriate in almost any university environment. You should consider buying a couple shirts to wear with the sports coat. Besides wearing the standard button-down with your new sports coat, you might consider a turtleneck. You could also wear a pair of jeans with a turtleneck for a more casual take.

It can no longer be argued that college students should get used to dressing well to prepare themselves for the daily corporate world because dress codes everywhere are becoming more lax. At the Sprint headquarters in Overland Park, Kan., for instance, suit-wearing men are a minority.

The trend toward shabbiness has taken a regrettable hold on American society. Perhaps the return of class could start here.

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Cheerleader enjoys 'fall' into new activity, challenges

By Tim Schrag KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

When Jen Mayekawa came to K-State, she said she was totally unprepared for the beginning and ending of her cheerleading career - both of which came completely by acci-

"I had no idea - this opportunity literally fell into my

lap," Mayekawa said.

Mayekawa, senior in Spanish and pre-nursing, had been a gymnast most of her life and competed until she developed a progressive wrist injury that led her to retire from gymnastics at age 16. Mayekawa then took up coaching and judging gymnastics instead. While at K-State, she would go to a local gym to play around and try the moves she once competed with during its open gyms. It was then that Mayekawa was discovered by K-State's former cheer coach, who told her

there was a spot for her on the cheer team if she wanted it. 'The former cheer coach told me if I could perform a running full at tryouts, then I was guaranteed a spot on the

team," she said. Mayekawa tried out for and made the team in spring 2005, right before the spring football game, which meant she only had a short time to learn how to be a cheerleader.

Mayekawa said she was excited to try something new and her parents found it amusing she was going to be a cheerleader because of her background as a gymnast, but have been her biggest supporters.

'I was the gymnast, never the cheerleader," Mayekawa said. "Just the idea of my dad seeing his gymnast daughter cheering was amusing to him."

She cheered for K-State on the football, basketball and volleyball squads from 2005 to 2007 and took a break to study abroad in Spain during the 2007-08 school year. Mayekawa rejoined the team in fall 2008 and cheered with the team until Oct. 4, 2008, when she tore her Achilles tendon at the home football game against Texas Tech.

"I remember I felt fine, but right before I went onto the field to celebrate a touchdown I stretched my Achilles tendon," Mayekawa said. "One of my teammates asked me why I was stretching out one of my muscles, and I replied, 'Be-

cause I swear one of these days, if I don't keep stretching my Achilles tendon, I'm gonna blow it out.' Twenty seconds later I was sitting on the field with a blown-out Achilles tendon."

Mayekawa said she knew immediately what had happened, though it had occurred with hardly any warning. She said most of what happened next is a blur, other than being carried off to the sidelines. Mayekawa spent the next six hours in the hospital and said that even the slightest movement caused her an enormous amount of pain. On Oct. 9, she underwent surgery to repair the tendon.

Mayekawa was told she would never cheer again, but on March 7, she once again donned the purple uniform for Senior Day at the men's basketball game. She also had the opportunity to cheer in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament at K-State.

Mayekawa is still undergoing physical therapy from her surgery and has had to cheer in a walking cast. She has been asked to finish her cheerleading career by cheering at this year's spring football game on May 2.

'My favorite moment would have to be Senior Day, despite the fact that I was in my walking cast and could not participate a whole lot," Mayekawa said. "I just felt so much support from my coach, my parents, my teammates and even strangers who walked up to me and thanked me for what I had done for K-State. It felt incredible."

Mayekawa said she has received an enormous amount of support from head cheerleading coach Dannielle Ruoff.

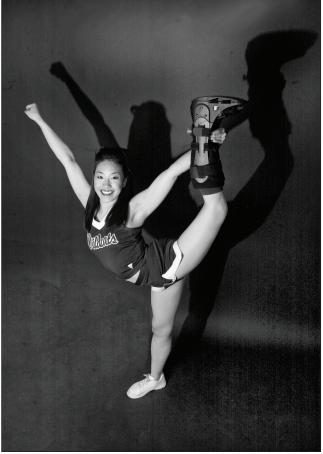
The fact that I had such a wonderful senior year is all due to my coach, Dannielle Ruoff," Mayekawa said. "She's more than a coach to me - she's a mentor and a friend."

Ruoff, who has been with the squad since August 2008, said she has really enjoyed working with Mayekawa and wished she could have had more time to work with her.

"She was an outstanding cheerleader, very talented gymnast and excellent student-athlete," Ruoff said.

Mayekawa will graduate in May and begin nursing school at St. Luke's School of Nursing in Kansas City, Mo., in

"I find it really odd how I accidentally fell into cheerleading and accidentally fell out of it due to my injury," Mayekawa said, "but I feel very blessed to have had it in my life."



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Jen Mayekawa, senior in Spanish and pre-nursing, demonstrates her form while wearing a walking cast. Despite tearing her Achilles tendon while cheering at a football game in October 2008, Mayekawa has undergone physical therapy and will finish her cheerleading career at the football spring game on May 2.

Class offers historical perspective on death, cemeteries

By Tyler Sharp KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

It started with an effort to offer a different kind of reading for a his-

Albert Hamscher, professor of history, found what he was looking for in a book examining attitudes toward death and dying dating back to the Middle Ages. The book, written by French historian Philippe Aries, quickly became a favorite of students in Hamscher's history classes in the mid-1970s.

In response to their requests, Hamscher created a course examining the subject matter in-depth. The History of Death and Dying, HIST 520, has been a mainstay in the department ever since.

The new nature of the subject has intrigued students like Bethany Graves, senior in history.

"I have never even thought of death as being part of history," she said. "It's just a completely new topic that never gets boring or repetitive because it's a very new subject."

Hamscher said he incorporates classical basic works for the first half of the course, and focuses on individual topics in discussion during the last part of the class.

"I change those so I don't get stale," he said. "Last week, we did

the 'Black Death' - I think I did that the previous year, but not the year before. We did something else the year before that. We did a book on suicide in history or something

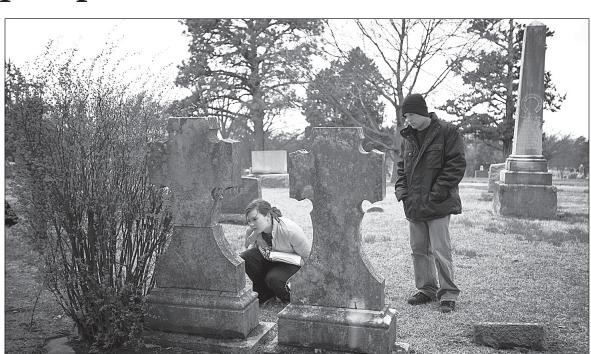
Hamscher, who has studied, written scholarly articles and edited a book on cemeteries, also incorporates his research into the

Students took a field trip to Sunset Cemetery Monday to see what they had been studying.

"I think it will be interesting to see some of the things we have talked about and to see the transition over time," said Aimee McLendon, senior in history. "The actual markers that people have left and how people have chosen to reflect what they think is important."

Detecting cultural trends and attitudes related to death and dying are not limited to analyzing headstones. During a recent class, Hamscher led a discussion about what local, state and national responses would be to an epidemic of Black Death proportions. Some students said they thought scientists or politicians would be the scapegoats in this situation.

"The No. 1 thing that emerges is that we are a much more self-centered society today than I think at any other point in history," McLen-



Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN

Ashley Driver, senior in art history and French, and Jeremy Graham, senior in architectural engineering, study grave markers at Sunset Cemetery Monday afternoon. The two students are both enrolled in History of Death and Dying. The class field trip was a way for students to see firsthand what they have been studying.

don said. "That influences how we see mass catastrophe and suffering and dying and that sort of thing." Noticing the changes and minor nuances in attitudes toward death and dying has proven inter-

esting, students said. 'I don't normally think about death in a historical context, but now learning about everything, I'll be interested to see how it changes through my lifetime," Graves said.

WATCH YOUR STEP



A construction worker finishes laying bricks and climbs down scaffolding on the north side of the parking garage Monday.

Lisle Alderton



Hospitality society collects \$38K in items for auction

By Shelton Burch KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Students in the Hospitality Management Society are scheduled to demonstrate their organization and management skills Friday at the 13th-annual Travel and Dining

Every year, students from the hospitality management and dietetics department organize together the auction to raise money for department scholarships and study trips.

Members of the program are selected event chairs who judge résumés and

assign students to four different planning committees to make the auction happen. The donations committee sends members out to their respective hometowns to ask for donations. These donations come in the form of auction-ready items, rather than money.

Pat Pesci, head of the hotel and restaurant management program, said items donated this year include martini glasses, rocking chairs and golf packages.

Kendra Van Donge, co-chair of the event, said while the number of auction tickets sold is down, the actual number of donated items has gone up significantly.

"People personally go back to their hometowns and personally make connections more one-on-one," said Van Donge, senior in hotel and restaurant management. "People have been more willing to donate smaller items this year, but we haven't lost a lot of past contacts. They're still being loyal to our auction even with our economy."

Kevin Roberts, assistant professor of hospitality management and dietetics, said as of Monday, \$38,000 worth of items have been donated for both the silent and live auctions, which is \$6,000 more than last year, he

"We've also just had a really good group of students this year that have more than pulled their weight and gone above and beyond," Van Donge said.

Pesci said what he enjoys most about the auction is getting to see students learn and grow professionally by planning the

The Travel and Dining Auction is open to the public and is scheduled to take place at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the K-State Alumni Center. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door, which covers entrance and a

READY TO HIKE



Little League football player Shandon Mercado, who plays for the Manhattan Jaquars, hikes the football to a teammate during practice at Memorial Stadium on Monday evening. The Jaquars' first game of the spring season will be at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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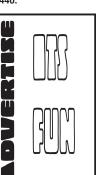
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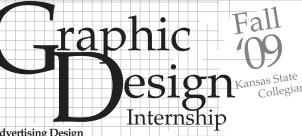
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auditors have been "overwhelmed" by the task of guarding the nation's food supply, according to the Times article. Audits of food companies are not mandated by the government and are often an attempt by corporations to minimize liability and ensure safety.

Inspections by third-party food auditors are often significantly cheaper than those offered by the Food and Drug Administration, adding to the allure of the inspections.

But there are questions of impartiality. Usually, the companies being inspected pay food auditors. A document on AIB's Web site notes that auditors are expected to maintain a professional relationship with personnel at each facility they audit.

"The relationships [auditors] build can be collaborative and cordial but cannot impinge upon the necessity to remain objective and impartial," it reads. "This is especially important when auditors identify unsatisfactory situations that can result in a facility failing an inspection."

Audits generally are only conducted at the manufacturing plants. Suppliers often go unexamined. According to the Times article, one plant in Pennsylvania, which manufactured Veggie Booty, a healthy snack, received an "excellent" rating from AIB in 2007. The plant's Chinese supplier, which was not inspected, sickened 2,000 people in 19 states with salmonella-tainted spices.

ISSUES AND ACTION

Food products are rarely tested for pathogens during audits, according to the Times article. That is only the beginning of issues with third-party food audits, said

Doug Powell, associate professor of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology and editor of *barfblog.com*, an online food safety

"Third-party food audits, like restaurant inspection, are a snapshot in time," Powell said. "They are not indicative of what happens day in and day out. It doesn't really tell you much. There are some audits that are OK. It depends on the auditor.

"My concern is that – and I have done a lot of work with farmers and producers and companies – what you really want is to help people become better with food safety, whereas an audit is just a checklist that penalizes people. That doesn't necessarily help people get better with food safety."

To respond to problems with third-party auditors, two large companies are taking action. Kellogg has said it is reviewing all audits conducted by the American Institute of Baking

Costco, a retail store, which previously limited AIB's inspections to its bakery vendors, has now instructed suppliers to not use AIB at all.

MORE OUESTIONS ARISE

Nonetheless, a move toward more audits conducted by third-party companies had been increasing in recent months leading up to the problems with the PCA. A document developed by the FDA as "guidance for industry" and released in December 2008 proposed expanding the role played by third-party food auditors.

AIB also sells educational services to food industry personnel. According to the Times article, the PCA said some of its employees attended the organization's food safety training classes.

"Audits provide nearly half the income for the organization, according to tax filings and the organization's Web site," the article stated.

The company's role as an educator and inspector has troubled some in the food industry, according to the Times article. Costco has rejected proposals by AIB to inspect all of its food suppliers.

"The American Institute of Baking is bakery experts," said R. Craig Wilson, the top safety official at Costco. "But you stick them in a peanut butter plant or in a beef plant, they are stuffed."

While third-party food auditors had their share of problems detecting the issues at the PCA, state inspectors did not fare much better. However, a federal team of investigators uncovered many signs in February 2009, along with testing records produced by the company showing the presence of salmonella in its products as far back as June 2007.

Federal investigators found mold growing in the ceiling and walls of the firm's cooler used for finished product storage. Water stains were also observed running down from the cooling unit fans in the cooler. On Jan. 10, the date of the observation, pallets of finished products were stored directly below this unit. In addition, inspectors found it "visually difficult to discern" which containers contained finished products and which contained raw prod-

The AIB Web site attributes this to a lack of a plant manager from June to October 2008, which is only the beginning of their explanation.

"The Blakely, [Ga.], facility was a highly complicated operation with aging equipment that required constant upkeep and attention to remain within acceptable sanitation levels," the AIB Web site noted. "Four months without day-to-day ongoing tech-

nical oversight would be more than enough time to cause such a facility's condition to decline"

As of March 17, there were 691 officially reported cases of salmonella poisoning in the outbreak, according to the Center for Disease Control's Web site. At least nine people have died, according to an April 9 Fox News report.

An additional audit by NSF Cook & Thurber, another food auditing company, also found "minor" problems at the PCA plant but gave the plant a 91 out of 100 overall score. Officials at NSF contend that for their audits, 91 is a low score. According to the Times article, the American International Group, who commissioned the audit, then "sold the peanut company insurance to cover the costs of recalling products, according to lawyers for the Peanut Corporation."

On March 19, the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations led a hearing on the salmonella outbreak and the role of third-party food auditors in protecting the nation's food supply. AIB's audit at the PCA facility was referenced, but AIB's Web site called the references to AIB's audit a "mischaracterization."

Powell said certain measures can be taken to ensure a safer food supply.

"You cannot inspect your way to a safe food supply," he said. "Testing and inspection are important, but they are not enough. You have to have preventive measures in place, and what you need is a culture of food safety in every food safety plant.

"After the PCA plant, you had all the employees saying [the PCA facility] was a dump. It would have been nice for them to say that before nine people died."



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